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REMARKS

Claims 1-13 are pending in this application. No claims have been canceled or amended. Claims 12 and 13 have been added. Claims 12 and 13 are directed to the PAMIA apparatus for measuring the agglutination. Support is found at page 8, lines 2-15 and the example. No new matter has been added by the above claim amendments.

Applicants submit that the above claim amendments fulfill the submission requirements of 37 CFR 1.114. Applicants respectfully request an early and favorable Office Action on the merits of this case.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

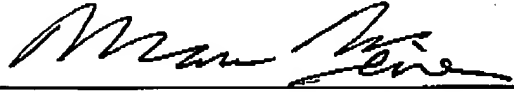
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Respectfully submitted,

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